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Attorney Docket No.: TRIPP013

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Examiner: Nguyen, Danny

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Title: OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION  
CIRCUIT

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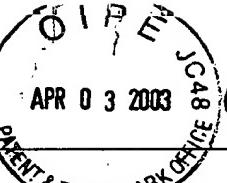
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	10	MINUS	12	0	x 9 =	x 18 = 0
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				Total	\$	\$0

- Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2003.

Reconsideration of the currently pending claims (reproduced in the attached appendix) is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-12 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 10-12 were rejected. The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,929,615 (D'Angelo). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Beginning at column 3, line 60, and referring to Fig. 2, D'Angelo describes a voltage regulator circuit 32 which performs both step-up and step-down regulation functions. A PMOS transistor 34 is connected between an input voltage terminal VIN (via inductor 36) and a regulated output voltage terminal VOUT. The operation of transistor 34 (as well as NMOS